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"OPERATION FALCON III" FUELED BY ADAM WALSH ACT ROUNDS UP THOUSANDS OF FUGITIVES NATIONWIDE

Seattle, WA – Deputy United States Marshals teamed up with thousands of fellow federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to conduct the largest ever round up of fugitive sex-offenders and wanted gang members. Dubbed "Operation FALCON III" (Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally), Deputy Marshals and their fellow task force members arrested 10,773 felony fugitives. This number includes 1,659 sex offenders and 364 documented gang members.

Operation FALCON III focused efforts on 24 eastern states along with Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The rest of the United States conducted operation FALCON II during the week of April 17-23, 2006, during which 9,037 felony fugitive were arrested including 171 in Western Washington.

"These numbers mean safer streets for the citizens of communities all over this country," said Marshals Service Director John Clark. "We have not only brought those wanted fugitives to justice, but we have hopefully brought a bit of peace to their communities."

In the Western District of Washington, one of those fugitives was Duane Allan Hill, who was wanted by Lake Charles, LA Police Department for Enticement of a Minor for Indecent Purposes. Hill, age 49, of Seattle, was communicating via the internet with an individual he believed to be a 14 year old girl. In fact, the 14 year old was a Lake Charles, LA Police Detective.

The Lake Charles PD requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service in Louisiana who in turn requested the assistance of the Seattle based Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT) in apprehending Hill. Hill was arrested last Friday, October 27th at his mother's residence in North Seattle near the Green Lake neighborhood at approximately 2:30 PM.

"We knew that he was going to be at his residence because he told the undercover detective, posing as the juvenile female, that he would be online to talk to her at that time", said Eric E. Robertson, the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Washington.

Earlier in the week, deputy U.S. Marshals and members of the Louisiana Fugitive Task Force (LFTF) assisted the PNWFAT in arresting Lyman B. Parker, age 47 formerly of Renton in Walker, LA. Parker was wanted by the King County Sheriff's Office for Rape of a Child and Child Molestation on a King County Superior Court warrant issued on September 28, 2006. The assistance of the PNWFAT was requested in locating and apprehending Parker who had fled the state prior to the warrant being issued. A collateral lead sent to the LFTF by PNWFAT investigators led to Parker's arrest. Parker will be returned to WA to face the charges against him.

Last Friday, October 25, 2006, the United States Attorney's Office in Seattle adopted a Seattle Police Department case and indicted Mark Lorenzo McGlover, age 24, of Inglewood, CA on 2 Counts of Sex Trafficking of a Child.

A Seattle Police Detective with the Human Trafficking unit requested the federal charges be brought against McGlover who is charged with transporting 2 juvenile females between California and Washington and forcing them to work as prostitutes.

After obtaining the federal arrest warrant, the detective turned to the PNWFAT to locate and apprehend McGlover. PNWFAT investigators quickly learned that McGlover had recently returned to the Los Angeles area. A collateral lead was sent to the U.S. Marshals Service sponsored Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and on last Monday evening McGlover was arrested by PSWRFTF members in Inglewood, CA without incident. McGlover will also be extradited back to WA to face the federal charges.

"The above 3 cases, with a Western Washington nexus, demonstrate the determination of the PNWFAT to hunt down and apprehend these dangerous sexual predators no matter where they choose to hide," said Robertson. "The Marshals Service and our state and local law enforcement partners will continue to be on the front line of the battle against these violent sexual predators that prey on innocent victims.

Honing in on sexual predators and fugitive gang members, Operation FALCON III's success comes on the heels of the "Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act," which was signed into law by President Bush on July 27, 2006. The Act makes it a federal felony, punishable by up to ten years imprisonment, for convicted sex offenders who fail to register and who travel in interstate or foreign commerce. The U.S. Marshals Service was designated by the Act as the agency to lead the national effort to track down and arrest these fugitive felons.

"The Attorney General and the Director consider Operation FALCON III to be a significant event marking the Department's effort to combat sex offenders and crimes against children in conjunction with the Adam Walsh Act," said Arthur D. Roderick, the Marshals Service's Assistant Director for Investigative Services.

"There is no question the collective criminal investigative resources of the Marshals and our federal, state, and local partners made a major contribution to this important crime initiative," he said. "This operation, along with our past FALCON efforts, provides a clear indication of what law enforcement agencies can accomplish when there is cooperation on all levels—federal, state and local," said U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson. "When we share information and pool our resources towards a common goal, the results are safer communities for our children and a more secure homeland."

Fugitives whose cases were adopted by Operation FALCON III were sought by the Marshals Service, ATF, DEA, HUD-OIG, DHS-ICE, other federal, state, and local agencies, United States Attorneys, and courts at every level of government. Additionally, Operation FALCON task force members handled cases referred by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, as well as those of foreign fugitives believed to be in this country. The Marshals Service also received support from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at the Department of Justice. Interpol and the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service assisted in the investigations of persons wanted by law enforcement worldwide. Seven foreign and seven international fugitives who were arrested during Operation FALCON III now face deportation or extradition proceedings.

Director Clark expressed his deep gratitude to officers from every agency that participated in Operation FALCON III. "I applaud the accomplishments of every deputy Marshal, police officer, detective, trooper, investigator, deputy sheriff, and special agent who put their investigative efforts to the test and their lives on the line to make communities across the country safe," Clark said.

"For many of these men and women participating in FALCON III, they were just doing their jobs; but I'm sure families across the country would beg to differ, especially when it comes to the safety of our children."

PHOTOS/VIDEO AVAILABLE

The Marshals Service has photos of actual arrests during the Operation available to press at www.usmarshals.gov/falcon3, as well as fact sheets on arrests nationwide and in each of the participating districts. Dossiers on the "FALCON 15," describing 15 of the most significant cases closed during the Operation are available to media at the site. A ten-minute B-roll video package for broadcasters will be available for satellite distribution on November 2, at 2:00 – 2:15 pm EST (11:00 – 11:15 am PST) and at 7:00 – 7:15 pm EST (4:00 – 4:15 pm PST) at C-Band coordinates (IA 6 T-11 Downlink Frequency 3920 V 93 degrees WL), and on November 3, at 4:00 – 4:15 am EST (1:00 – 1:15 am PDT) at C-Band coordinates (IA 6 T-17 Downlink Frequency 4040 V 93 degrees WL).

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

A complete list of all of the federal, state, and local agencies that participated in Operation FALCON is available at the Marshals Service website at www.usmarshals.gov.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CASES REFERENCED

For information on the apprehension of these individuals please call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601. For information of the Parker criminal case please call the King County Prosecutor's Office at 206-296-9000. For information on the McGlover criminal case please call the U.S. Attorney's Office at 206-553-4110. For information on the Hill criminal case please call the Calcasieu Parish, LA District Attorney's Office at (337) 437-3432.